

What is claimed is:

1. In combination a keylock and latch assembly for use with a vehicle decklid comprising:
 - (a) a key operated lock including an arm extending radially outwardly therefrom and rotatable with the lock upon user insertion of a key therein;
 - (b) a releasable latch assembly disposed proximate said lock with a release cable extending therefrom and operable to secure the decklid upon closure.
 - (c) a follower attached to said release cable and including means operable for guiding the follower for linear movement in the direction of tensioning the cable, said follower including a surface portion thereof disposed for contact by said arm, whereupon user rotation of the lock, said arm is operable to effect movement of the follower and tensioning of the release cable for effecting actuation of said releasable latch assembly.
2. The combination defined in claim 1, wherein said means operable for guiding the follower includes a housing attached to said releasable latch assembly.
3. The combination defined in claim 1, wherein said means operable for guiding the follower includes a housing attached to the releasable latch assembly with said follower slidably received in the housing and said contact portion extending outwardly therefrom.
4. The combination defined in claim 3, wherein said housing includes a spring biasing said follower in a direction opposing tensioning of the cable.
5. The combination defined in claim 3, wherein said housing includes a slot with said contact portion extending therethrough.

6. The combination defined in claim 1, wherein said means operable for guiding the follower includes a tubular housing attached to said releasable assembly; and, said follower includes a piston slidably received in said tubular housing.
7. The combination defined in claim 6, wherein said piston includes a projection extending outwardly through said housing with the projection including said contact portion.
8. The combination defined in claim 1, wherein said lock includes a rotary member, extending therefrom and notched with said key; and, said arm is attached to said rotary member for rotation therewith.
9. The combination defined in claim 1, wherein said lock and said releasable assembly are disposed on the vehicle decklid.
10. The combination defined in claim 1, wherein said means operable for guiding the follower includes a tubular housing attached to said releasable assembly with said follower slidably received thereon and including a bias spring and a cap disposed for closing said tubular housing, and operable to retain said spring.